

Second, Mayor Dawkins' imagination propelled him to convey an attitude of home and optimism for a better Fayetteville. His was an imagination which led to growth and prosperity for this wonderful city.

Third, Mayor Dawkins' innovation to build a city for all the people will be his lasting legacy. His was an innovative attitude that those of us in public service should all aspire to emulate. Truly he was a man of inspiration, of imagination, and of innovation.

If we all will recall for a moment. During the writing of the U.S. Constitution, Benjamin Franklin looked at the back of the chair in which George Washington had been sitting and sought to determine if that half sun painted on the back of the chair was a rising or a setting sun. And, indeed, he stood up, of course, and in his famous remarks said that, sir, at long last he had arrived at the conclusion that it was indeed a rising sun for our Nation whose rays of influence now literally touch every corner of the world.

Mr. Speaker, much like Ben Franklin, Mayor Dawkins was full of optimism and always could see a rising sun on the City of Fayetteville and the nearby Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base that so many of us are proud of, and as a member of the Committee on Armed Services and as the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) is, we are proud to represent this area of Cumberland County.

Mr. Dawkins was always looking to expand the vision and the horizons for Fayetteville, and may God grant that all of us will be inspired by his inspiration and imagination and innovation that Mayor Dawkins brought to his job every day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4658 and honor the life, the service and the legacy of this fine Christian gentleman, this distinguished public servant, a true giant of a man, a leader among leaders, J.L. Dawkins.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a final thanks to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE) who we have heard from today and thank them for their cosponsorship.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4658.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4658.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4169) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4169

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as we just heard in the bill previous to H.R. 4169, we had the opportunity to recognize the contributions of a gentleman who focused his very considerable talents and dedicated his many, many contributions to the great community of Fayetteville.

Mr. Speaker, on this piece of legislation, we have an opportunity to single out an individual who served in a somewhat broader arena, who also contributed and sacrificed. I want to thank the gentleman from the great State of Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS), my friend and colleague, for his sponsorship of this bill that seeks to honor the former Member of this House, Barbara Vucanovich by naming the facility located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada as the Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building.

As with the previous initiative, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) has struck out and had each Member of the State delegation of Nevada become cosponsors of this, and by struck out, of course, I meant to seek out and to successfully achieve that objective.

Mrs. Vucanovich's achievements are well-known to many of us in this House. Those of us from New York

have some perhaps additional reasons for pride, because, indeed, she grew up, spent many of her formative years in our great State capitol, in Albany, but clearly to many of us, her finest hours were upon this floor and in our committee rooms where she served from 1983 until 1997.

Mr. Speaker, her achievements, her dedication, particularly to Nevadans is well-known. She spent a great deal of effort trying to work on issues involving such issues as Federal wilderness, national park policy, public land use and nuclear waste disposal, to name just a few. Her retirement left this House somewhat poorer in that we no longer had her here as an everyday presence to help this great body in its deliberations. But clearly we can this afternoon, and I would hope we would, in fact, honor those contributions that she so selflessly extended through her service on the Committees of Interior and Insular Affairs, the Committee on House Administration and certainly amongst the more important efforts as chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction.

It is always a special moment when we can extend this kind of honor to a former colleague. I, again, want to thank the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for his efforts and certainly urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4169 and would join in the remarks made by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH). This is an appropriate honor for a former colleague.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I mentioned the gentleman who did so much good work on this legislation. We are pleased that the gentleman is able to be with us here at this moment, and I happily yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, first, I would like to thank my colleagues and friends, both the chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) for their hard work on, and continued dedication in bringing this important bill to the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Mr. Speaker, on April 4, I introduced H.R. 4169 to designate the post office located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada as the Barbara G. Vucanovich Post Office Building.

As the current congressman, Mr. Speaker, representing the Second Congressional District of Nevada, I have the distinct honor and, may I say, great challenge of following Barbara Vucanovich in Congress.

Mrs. Vucanovich retired from Congress after serving 14 years as the representative of one of the most diverse